

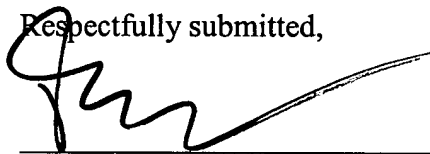
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 12-15 were pending in the present application. Claims 12-15 have been canceled herein. Thus claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 are now pending in the present application and have been indicated allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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